

GIS in the National Park Service

[National Park Service GIS – Role & Function](#)

[Geographic Information Systems Council](#)

The purpose of the GIS Council is to provide strategic leadership for the National Park Service (NPS) GIS Program. This will include implementation of GIS, information systems and related technology plans, providing direction on policy, programs, initiatives, funding priorities, organizational needs, as well as coordinating GIS activities among parks, regions, and program areas.

Please read the GIS Council [Charter](#) for more information on the roles and functions of the GISC. The GIS Council consists of:

Permanent Members:

- Regional GIS Coordinators - 9
(Northeast and Pacific West have 2 each; all other Regions have 1 each)
- WASO Program GIS Coordinators - Lands, Fire, Cultural and Natural Resources - 4
- National GIS Program Manager - 1
- Chief Information Officer - 1
- Deputy Chief Information Officer for Information Systems - 1

Rotational Members:

- Park Superintendent - 1 Park GIS staff- 1
- Web Committee member - 1
- Network Data Manager from Inventory & Monitoring Program - 1

MAXIMUM OF 20 REGULAR MEMBERS

[ESRI - DOI Enterprise Agreement](#)

On October 1, 2008 a third consecutive multi-year Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) was awarded to ESRI with SmartBUY terms from 2004 included. The BPA contains enterprise licensing terms giving DOI unlimited access to non-royalty ESRI GIS software products, and discounts on royalty based ESRI GIS software products, documentation, training, and services.

[NPS Inventory & Monitoring Program](#)

As part of the National Park Service's effort to "improve park management through greater reliance on scientific knowledge," a primary role of the I&M Program (see [Briefing Document](#)) is to collect, organize, and make available natural resource data and to contribute to the Service's institutional knowledge by facilitating the transformation of data into information through analysis, synthesis, and modeling.